

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (currently amended) A storage shelf for articles, the storage shelf comprising shelf planes divided into shelf compartments extending in a direction of depth of the storage shelf, wherein the articles are stored within the shelf planes adjacent to one another as well as sequentially behind one another in the direction of depth of the storage shelf, wherein the shelf compartments have several depth positions comprising a frontmost position, at least one middle depth position arranged behind the frontmost position, and a rearmost depth position in the direction of depth of the storage shelf, respectively, wherein an operating device correlated with the storage shelf is configured to access the frontmost position and the at least one middle depth position arranged behind the frontmost position in order to place or remove the articles ~~but the operating device cannot access the rearmost position~~ is out of an operating reach of the operating device, wherein the shelf compartments comprise a stationary support (1) for the articles and a moveable carriage (2) for the articles, wherein the carriage (2) is movable between a forward position and a rearward position, wherein by a stroke length of the movement from the forward position to the rearward position matches ~~matching~~ a length of one of the depth positions, respectively, wherein the carriage (2) in the rearward position stores the articles in the rearmost depth position.

2. (original) The storage shelf according to claim 1, wherein the carriage (2) is shorter by one of the depth positions than the shelf compartment.

3. (original) The storage shelf according to claim 1, wherein the shelf compartment comprises three of the depth positions (A, B, C) and wherein the carriage (2) extends across two of the depth positions (B, C).

4. (original) The storage shelf according to claim 1, wherein the carriage (2) has an upwardly extending projection (12) projecting past a support surface (14) of the carriage (2), wherein the projection (12) is configured to provide a support action in a longitudinal direction of the carriage (2) for the articles located in a frontmost position on the carriage (2).

5. (original) The storage shelf according to claim 4, wherein the support surface (14) of the carriage (2) is located higher than a support surface of the stationary

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support (1).

6. (currently amended) The storage shelf according to claim 1, wherein the carriage (2) has cutouts (4, 5) extending in a longitudinal direction of the carriage (2) and being open toward a loading side of the storage shelf, wherein the cutouts have a shape matching a shape of a lifting fork of the operating device so that the for allowing a free vertical penetration of a lifting fork (3) of the operating device is able to pass vertically through the cutouts.

7. (original) The storage shelf according to claim 1, wherein the operating device has a lifting fork (3) having free ends provided with an upwardly extending projection (13), respectively, configured for a partial engagement from behind of the articles positioned on the lifting fork (3).

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The storage shelf according to claim 1 [8], wherein the carriage (2) comprises rollers and is movable on the rollers in the shelf compartment.

10. (canceled)